

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
MEDICAID PURCHASING ADMINISTRATION
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To: Birthing Centers
Certified Nurse Midwives
Licensed Midwives
Managed Care Organizations

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Subject: Planned Home Births and Births in Birthing Centers: Fee Schedule Updates

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2010, the Department of Social and Health Services (the Department) will update the Planned Home Births and Births in Birthing Centers Fee Schedule with the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base (MPFSDB) Year 2010 Relative Value Units (RVUs) and clinical laboratory fees.

This memo also reminds providers that the Department does not cover births in birthing centers for women identified with conditions outlined in WAC 388-533-0600(7).

Overview

All previously published policies remain the same unless specifically identified as changed in this memo.

Fee Schedule Updates and Maximum Allowable Fee Adjustments

Effective for date of service on and after July 1, 2010, the Department will update the *Planned Home Births and Births in Birthing Centers* Fee Schedule with the MPFSDB Year 2010 RVUs and the clinical laboratory fees. The Department will adjust the maximum allowable fees to reflect the new rates.

Bill the Department your usual and customary charges.

View Changes to the Fee Schedule

To view the July 1, 2010, fee schedule changes, go to the Department/MPA website online at: <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/RBRVS/Index.html#P>.

Reminder – The Department does not cover planned home births or births in birthing centers for women identified with any of the following conditions:

- Previous cesarean section;
- Current alcohol and/or drug addiction or abuse;
- Significant hematological disorders/coagulopathies;
- History of deep venous thromboses or pulmonary embolism;
- Cardiovascular disease causing functional impairment;
- Chronic hypertension;
- Significant endocrine disorders including preexisting diabetes (type I or type II);
- Hepatic disorders including uncontrolled intrahepatic cholestasis of pregnancy and/or abnormal liver function tests;
- Isoimmunization, including evidence of Rh sensitization/platelet sensitization;
- Neurologic disorders or active seizure disorders;
- Pulmonary disease;
- Renal disease;
- Collagen-vascular diseases;
- Current severe psychiatric illness;
- Cancer affecting site of delivery;
- Known multiple gestation;
- Known breech presentation in labor with delivery not imminent; or
- Other significant deviations from normal as assessed by the provider.

[See WAC 388-533-0600(7)]

How Can I Get Department/MPA Provider Documents?

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